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Judge rejects church plans

Archdiocese, survivors group ordered back to negotiations on their bankruptcy proposals

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A federal bankruptcy judge has rejected both the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis' and a group of sexual abuse survivors' proposed bankruptcy reorganization plans, which would have guid-

ed the payout to victims of abusive clergy. The ruling issued Thursday by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Kressel sends both parties back to the negotiating table with instructions to "put aside their desire to win" so a "resolution that is fair to all of the people involved" can

be achieved. "The (survivors) must put aside (their) desire for retribution," according to the judge's memo filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in St. Paul. "After all, whatever else the archdiocese is, it is a corporation. (And) corporations do not suffer; only people suffer." The Roman Catholic archdiocese will also need to shift priorities, Kressel wrote, in particular its "desire to minimize pain" to its current system and employees. "The personal pain its employees inflicted upon victims is inevi-

REJECTED PROPOSALS, 4A

Federal charges for 6 in city gang

They used weapons in turf war, officials say

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Six gang members barred from having guns found a way to get them, and the weapons were used in an "ongoing gang war" in St. Paul, authorities said Thursday as they announced federal charges. The rivalry between HAM Crazy and other gangs has led to several gang members on both sides being shot or killed, according to the indictment, which was unsealed in full Thursday. The indictment alleges that six members of HAM Crazy, which stands for Hoes and Money, conspired to illegally possess at least nine firearms between January 2014 and April. The announcement of charges comes during a year of significant concerns about gun violence in St. Paul. Reports of "shots fired" in St. Paul were up 75 percent during the first four months of the year compared with the same period in 2016. But, as police said they focused resources on the problem, the rate began trending down. As of mid-December, reports of "shots fired" were up 31 percent compared with the same time last year. "There are plenty of ways to settle disagreements between groups, but

GANG CHARGES, 5A

It's a burning question



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Tennis Sanitation driver Mike Casson gets directions on where to dump his load of trash at the Energy and Recycling Center in Newport last week. Washington and Ramsey counties bought the plant in 2015. Beginning Jan. 1, all garbage from the counties will be hauled there to be incinerated.

Trash haulers say mandate will increase fees; critics question whether it's needed

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If you live in Washington or Ramsey counties, all your garbage will be burned, starting Jan. 1. The counties are the first in the state to require that all garbage be sent to incinerators to generate electricity. The most immediate effect is on trash haulers, who must explain to customers why their rates are going up. "I don't think anyone thinks

about where their garbage goes," shouted Mike Casson, over the clatter of the steel claw tossing trash into his Tennis Sanitation truck in Oakdale recently. But they will notice, he said, when their bills increase. Trash companies will pass along the 10 percent increase caused by the garbage-burning mandate, and they question the environmental benefits. "We never had a raise like that before," said Greg Tennis, co-own-

er of Tennis Sanitation in St. Paul Park. WHY THE CHANGE Incinerating garbage keeps it out of landfills and generates power for 20,000 homes, according to Zack Hansen, Ramsey County environmental health director. The increased rates are the price of progress, he said. "Managing waste is a necessary public service — it's like paying for sewers

or streets." Officials say they are required by law to find alternatives to landfills. A 1989 law set up a hierarchy for waste management — with landfills being the worst way to treat garbage and reducing and recycling the best. Other options include composting or burning garbage. To reduce landfill use, the coun-

BURNING TRASH, 4A

Photographer accuses Twins' Sano of sexual misconduct

All-star third baseman denies allegations of 2015 incident

By Chad Graff and Mike Berardino
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Twins all-star third baseman Miguel Sano was accused of grabbing a Twin Cities photographer by the wrist and forcibly trying to kiss her after a signing event in October 2015, the woman wrote in an online post Thursday. Betsy Bissen, a freelance photographer who has shot St. Paul

Saints and Twins games, also accused a former Twins first base coach of unwanted advances and said Sano "didn't rape me, but he sure did assault me." The alleged incident occurred after a signing at Fan HQ, a memorabilia store in Minnetonka's Ridgedale Center, on Oct. 3 after the Twins' second-to-last game of the 2015 season. In an account that she posted on Twitter, Bissen wrote that she was photographing Sano with fans at the store where she was a volunteer. Sano told Bissen he recognized her from Twins games, she



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Twins third baseman Miguel Sano is greeted in the dugout after hitting a home run during the 2017 season.

SANO ACCUSED, 4A

Interviews for top posts began over a week ago

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St. Paul Mayor-elect Melvin Carter began interviewing candidates to lead 10 city departments more than a week ago, but his transition team has yet to make their names public. Carter announced in late November that in the spirit of transparency and community involvement, his transition team would assemble 10 hiring panels to screen résumés and applications from candidates for key cabinet-level positions, such as Public Works director and Parks and Recreation director. His transition team later released the names of 99 of the 101 civic leaders, city employees, business owners and residents who served on the hiring panels, but the mayor-elect has yet to make public their slate of 28 recommendations. Under state law, the identities of candidates for public employment become public information when

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